

REMARKS

Claims 1-59 are pending in the present application. In the present response, claims 1-5, 9-10, 12-14, 16-27, 29-32, 34-36 and 38-57 have been canceled and claims 6-8, 11, 15, and 28 have been amended. Therefore, after entry of the above amendments, claims 6-8, 11, 15, 28, 33, 37, and 58-59 will be pending in this application. Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance, which prompt and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Claim Objections

Claim 13 is objected to because of informalities. Applicant has revised the claims to overcome this objection. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw this objection.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 102

Claims 4, 5, 13 and 26 are rejected under 35 USC § 102(e), as being anticipated by Maggenti *et al.* (US Patent 6,477,150). Applicants have canceled the above claims; therefore, this rejection is moot.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 6-8, 11, 15 and 28 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants have amended these claims accordingly. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw this objection.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's allowance of Claims 33, 37, 58 and 59.

CONCLUSION

In light of the amendments contained herein, Applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance, for which early action is requested.

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